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SUBJ: LIBYANS PROTEST SADAT'S ISRAELI VISIT

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1. INITIAL STUNNED SILENCE OF LIBYAN GOVERNMENT TO  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRESIDENT SADAT PLANS TO VISIT  
JERUSALEM ENDED ABRUPTLY NOVEMBER 17TH WITH PRESS DE-  
NUNCIATION AND PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN OPPOSITION TO  
PLANNED VISIT. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MEDIA A LARGE PUBLIC  
DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE IN LIBYAN TOWN OF RAYAYINAH  
WHERE DEMONSTRATORS TOOK TO THE MARKET SQUARE IN CON-  
DEMNATION OF SADAT'S INTENTION TO VISIT ISRAEL. DEMON-  
STRATION ORGANIZERS CONDEMNED "ANY SURRENDER OR CONCESSION  
TO THE ENEMY WHO VIOLATED THE SACRED HOLY PLACES,  
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OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY AND RENDERED ARABS HOMELESS  
IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE." DEMONSTRATORS REITERATED  
KHARTOUM LITANY OF "NO PEACE, NO NEGOTIATION AND  
NO RECOGNITION OF THE OCCUPYING ZIONIST ENEMY."

2. LOCAL RADIO BROADCAST DENOUNCED SADAT'S PLANNED  
TRIP TO JERUSALEM AS A POLITICAL COURSE THAT IS

SPLITTING THE ARAB NATION AND DISREGARDING ITS  
"VALUES, CULTURE, RESOURCES, AND THE MARTYRS OF THE  
1973 OCTOBER WAR AND PREVIOUS WARS BETWEEN ISRAEL  
AND THE ARABS." MEDIA EDITORIALS DESCRIBE SADAT'S  
TRIP AS "CONSTITUTING A GRAVE UNPRECEDENTED ACTION  
WHICH NO RESPONSIBLE ARAB OFFICIAL HAS DARED TO  
TAKE." THE TRIP WAS CALLED A FLAGRANT ACT OF  
TRANSGRESSION AND WARNED THAT IF THE TRIP TAKES  
PLACE "CALAMITY WILL BEFALL THE ARAB NATION."  
EDITORIALS REPEAT DEMONSTRATION THEMES OF KHARTOUM  
THREE NO'S.

3. CONDEMNATION OF SADAT'S TRIP RELATIVELY MILD IN  
COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS MEDIA ATTACKS UPON EGYPTIAN  
PRESIDENT. LIBYAN REACTION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN  
COORDINATED WITH PDLFP LEADER NAYEF HAWATME'S  
EMOTIONAL PLEA FOR SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN  
CAUSE DURING NOVEMBER 16TH SPEECH TO POPULAR PEOPLE'S  
CONGRESS SESSION. HAWATME APPEALED TO LIBYANS TO  
SUPPORT PALESTINIAN REJECTIONALIST POSITION AND RE-  
JECT INITIATIVES OF "IMPERIALIST" UNITED STATES AND  
"REACTIONARY PUPPET" ARAB REGIMES LED BY EGYPTIAN  
PRESIDENT SADAT AND SAUDI ARABIAN KING. HIGHLY  
EMOTIONAL SPEECH REPORTEDLY WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RE-  
CEIVED BY PEOPLE'S CONGRESS DELEGATES WHO GAVE  
HAWATME A HALF AN HOUR STANDING OVATION. IRONICALLY  
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NOVEMBER 17TH MEDIA CARRIES NO REPORT OF HAWATME  
REMARKS, PERHAPS SUGGESTING THAT LIBYAN HAVE DE-  
CIDED TO GIVE PLO REJECTIONALISTS LIMITED PUBLIC  
EXPOSURE.

4. TECHNICALLY LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HAS STILL MADE NO  
COMMENT BUT WHILE THERE MAYBE DISTINCTION BETWEEN  
OFFICIAL POSITION AND "UNOFFICIAL" MEDIA REPORTS  
THERE IS LITTLE REAL DIFFERENCE. NO DOUBT LIBYAN  
CONCERN OVER MAINTAINING ARAB UNITY WITH ARAB SUMMIT  
IN PROSPECT CONTINUES BUT REJECTIONIST OUTRAGE IS  
BUBBLING CLOSE TO SURFACE.  
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